Growing Crimes Against Women

*371. SHRI GAYA SINGH :

SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the findings of the report released by the National Crime Records Bureau that the rate of growing crimes against women in the country would be faster than that of the population by 2010;

(b) if so, the details of the different categories of crime against women committed in important cities of the country in 1999; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to check the crimes against women ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) The National Crime Records Bureau has recently released its annual publication entitled "Crime in India 1998". The publication is based on the figures of actual crimes registered in the country. It does not contain any estimated figures in respect of crimes.

(b) The information received from the National Crime Records Bureau in this regard is enclosed as Annexure [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 71].

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and, as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has, from time to time, been writing to the State Governments stressing upon them the need to take preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures in connection with crimes against women, children and other vulnerable sections of the society. The Ministry of Home Affairs is also presently considering a proposal to provide death as one of the penalties for the offence of rape.

Ratio in Para-Military Forces

*372. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the ratio prescribed by the Central Government in the form of guidelines in the para-military forces;

(b) what is the ratio as at present;

(c) whether there is any shortfall, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government to rectify the balance ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) to (d) : The Central Government has not prescribed any reservation for minorities in the Central Para Military Forces. However, special efforts are made to ensure that eligible candidates from minority communities are made aware of the employment opportunities and recruitments in these forces.

Fencing on Border of J&K

†*373. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for fencing the 256 Kilometer long international border of Jammu and Kashmir to check the terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the estimated amount likely to be incurred on this task; and

(d) the time by when this work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) to (d) : The Government have recently taken a decision for adopting a multi-modal approach for erecting an obstacle system on the International Border in Jammu sector to check infiltration and smuggling of weapons/explosives etc.

The project is expected to be completed in about one and a half year's time, at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 23.01 crores.

Investment under IRDP

*374. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what was the average level of investment fixed by the Central Government under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) for the period from 1st April to 31st December, 1998; and

(b) what factors are taken into consideration by the Central Government while fixing the average level of investments under IRDP ?

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